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SUBJ: INVITATION TO SAO TOME INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER JUNE 12 ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT FORD FROM MANUEL PINTO DA COSTA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE LIBERATION MOVEMENT (MLSTP). LETTER, DATED JUNE 4, INVITES USG TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE JULY 12. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF LETTER (BEING FORWARDED AF/C) AS FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. EXCELLENCY, WE HAVE THE PLEASURE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE ISLANDS OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, A PORTUGUESE COLONY, WILL ACCEDE TO INDEPENDENCE JULY 12, 1975. THIS EVENT OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE FOR OUR PEOPLE WILL PERMIT US TO LEAVE THE OSTRACISM TO WHICH WE HAVE BEEN CONDEMNED BY FIVE CENTURIES OF COLONIZATION AND TO OPEN OURSELVES TO THE EXTERIOR WORLD.

WE WOULD BE VERY HAPPY IF THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF GREETING IN OUR COUNTRY WOULD PERMIT US TO INVITE A NUMEROUS DELEGATION FROM YOUR GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST AT THE CELEBRATION OF OUR INDEPENDENCE. NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD BE CONTENT IF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM YOUR GOVERNMENT COULD PARTICIPATE.

WE HOPE THAT FROM THE 12TH OF JULY OUR TWO STATES

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WILL BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH AT ALL LEVELS THE BEST

RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION IN THE RECIPROCAL
INTEREST OF OUR TWO PEOPLES.

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE EXPRESSION OF
OUR HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. SIGNED, MANUEL PINTO DA
COSTA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MLSTP. END TEXT.BAAS

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